

## **10.91: Index to State Listed Species**

The following index is intended to help users of the state list of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species determine the official status of any species listed under MESA. This is particularly important for users of the list who are not familiar with the scientific names of species. Starting with only a common or scientific name, the index tells the user where to find the species on the list. The index accomplishes this by specifying the name of the animal group or plant family under which the species will be found.

For example, to find the status of *Acipenser brevirostrum*, one would look up "Acipenser" in the index and find that it is a fish. Where fish occur in the list is specified by the outline appearing just before the list at 321 CMR 10.90(3). The outline shows that fish is the first category of vertebrate animals. By looking for "Acipenser brevirostrum" in that section of the list one would determine that it is the "Shortnose Sturgeon" and is listed as an Endangered species on both the state and federal lists.

Note that all plants are found under plant families which end with "aceae" and that animals are listed under commonly known categories, such as birds, mammals, or butterflies.

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